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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

In response to the Official Action mailed December 3, 2001, please amend the above-  
identified application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS

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Please amend claims 3-5, 16, and 22 as follows:

B<sup>1</sup> 3. (Amended) The electric motor as recited in claim 1, wherein at least some of  
the plurality of stator sections are fluidly coupleable to allow a fluid flow therethrough.